

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Everyone knows how powerful a force the media can be, why else would we have the FCC? I'm all for free speech, but I don't think it is right for a media corporation to take such a blatant political stand. If I had wanted to see Michael Moore's movie against Bush, I would have had to pay. That seems right for a political movie. It is not right for a station to be forced to show a blatantly political movie; even though I have the choice not to watch it. Censorship or being forced to show a particular program are the same thing.

I hope the WLOS TV channel 13 in Asheville NC will be able to find advertisers to continue supporting its station after this airs. It is a shame that WLOS is the most local television station available to me, even though it is 75 miles away. I expect it to be impartial in it's reporting of the news and able to make its' own choices as to programming.

Thank you for listening.

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